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3 FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	3 THE COURT: Good morning. Please be seated.
4 WILLIAM LONGO 7 136 210	4 Make sure cell phones are turned off.
5	5 Counsel, you may be seated as well. You're
6	6 welcome.
7	7 Today is March 5, 2019. We are here in the
8	8 trial of the matter of Ricardo and Pilar Rimondi versus
9	9 Johnson & Johnson, Docket Number 2912-17.
10	Could I have appearances, please, on behalf
11	11 of the plaintiffs.
12	MS. COOPER: Yes, your Honor. Good morning,
13	13 members of the jury. Monica Cooper on behalf of the
14	14 plaintiffs.
15	MR. LINDER: Good morning, everyone. Mark
16	16 Linder, also on behalf of the plaintiffs.
17	MR. COTILLETTA: Good morning, everyone. Joe
18	18 Cotilletta on behalf of the plaintiffs.
19	MS. SYMPHORIEN-RESTREPO: Hello, everyone.
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20	20 My name is Leydyluz Symphorien-Restrepo, on behalf of
21	21 the plaintiffs.
22	THE COURT: And on behalf of the defendants
23	23 Johnson & Johnson.
24	MR. DUBIN: Hello. Morton Dubin, on behalf
25	25 of Johnson & Johnson. Trying to remember where I am.
4.7	25 of Johnson & Johnson. Trying to remember where I alli.

1 have any idea how much would be in something this kind 2 of size?

- 3 A That is -- how big is that, 14-ounce?
- O This is a 22-ounce.
- 5 A 22-ounce. Say you take the average of all 57
- 6 containers by TEM and even average in the zeros you may
- 7 have approximately 10,000 fibers and bundles per gram.
- 8 And there is 28 grams to an ounce. So just on the
- 9 lower end, say it's 7,000 per gram times 28 gives you
- 10 ounces. Did you say 22?
- Q Yes. 22-ounce.
- 12 A So in the bottle would be approximately four
- 13 million asbestos fibers and bundles. If the 268,000 on
- 14 the high side -- on the other end of the side times 28
- 15 times 22, that's 165,000 fibers and bundles per gram.
- Q Okay.
- 17 A I mean, not a gram, but in a bottle of a 22-ounce.
- Q Okay. I'm sorry. Did you say four million
- 19 in fibers and bundles per gram? I'm confused as to 20 what you just --
- 21 A It's 165 million fibers and bundles in a 22-ounce
- 22 bottle.
- 23 Q Okay. That's what I was trying to
- 24 understand.
- 25 So even though we're talking about maybe a

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- 1 MR. DUBIN: Okay. Then I have no objection
- 2 to these for demonstrative purposes.
- 3 THE COURT: Proceed.
- 4 MS. COOPER: If I can get those back?
- 5 MR. DUBIN: Okay. Can I have them back when
- 6 you're done, please?
  - 7 BY MS. COOPER:
  - Q First, looking at 161.10 A. Can you first
  - 9 tell me what this is?
- 10 A That's a nine-ounce bottle of Johnson's Baby
- 11 Powder.
- 12 Q Is this one of the historical samples that
- 13 you got from Johnson & Johnson?
- 14 A Yes, but not the container. The container never
- 15 came to our laboratory. These samples were split in a
- 16 laboratory up here in New Jersey that Johnson & Johnson
- 17 uses to split the samples and then we got a sample out
- 18 of that container.
- 19 Q Can you tell me, looking at 161.10 B, what is 20 this?
- 21 A That's a TEM analysis of anthophyllite. It's
- 22 really the anthophyllite solid solution series. That's
- 23 an anthophyllite fiber starting in kind of the, I'd say
- 24 at the, maybe the 10:30 position down to the 5 o'clock
- 25 position. That is a fiber that is 14.4 micrometers

- 1 low concentration of a whole bottle, we're talking
- 2 about millions and billions of fibers coming -- being
- 3 in just one bottle?
- 4 A For these results, for 22 ounces, it would be in
- 5 the millions, hundreds of millions.
- Q And are you able to detect, we talk about
- 7 millions and millions of fibers, are you able to see
- 8 that with a naked eye?
- 9 A No. You can't see any of these with the naked
- 10 eye. Not by the PLM, which is the very largest
- 11 bundles, 100, 200 micrometers in length. If you could
- 12 see it, you still wouldn't know what it is because it's
- 13 in the product.
- Q Did you actually, were you able to take
- 15 pictures of the fibers and bundles you were finding?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 MS. COOPER: Your Honor, this is -- your
- 18 Honor, I'll go ahead and mark these for demonstrative
- 19 purposes. These are from his -- this would be from
- 20 161.110. And I'll go ahead and mark them as 161.10 A,
- 21 B, C, and D. And I'm going to tender these to defense
- 22 counsel for examination.
- 23 MR. DUBIN: Is there a report?
- MS. COOPER: Yes. They're images out of 24
- 25 161.10.

- Page 105 1 long, .4 micrometers wide, I believe. I'd have to -- I
- 2 believe it's a single fiber. I'd have to really look
- 3 at the photograph in the report or -- it has an aspect
- 4 ratio of approximately 33-to-1. And it is using the
- 5 counting rules that we use, which are greater than .5
- 6 micrometers in length, and this is for regulated
- 7 asbestos of all the TEM protocol.
- So, is it greater than .5 micrometers in
- 9 length? Yes. It's 13.4. Greater than or equal. Does
- 10 it have substantially parallel sides going down the
- 11 length of the fiber? Yes. Does it have an aspect
- 12 ratio greater than or equal to 5-to-1, meaning the
- 13 length divided by the width? Yes. It is 33-to-1.
- By our counting -- not our counting rules, by
- 15 the counting rules by the Environmental Protection
- 16 Agency, the American Society of Testing Materials, the
- 17 International Standards Organization for TEM analysis
- 18 says that is reported as a regulated asbestos fiber.
- 19 Q In other words, I'm going to go back to
- 20 testing 101. What do you mean when you say regulated
- 21 asbestos fiber?
- 22 A It means that when we do this analysis, say an air
- 23 sample comes in and has been collected in a building
- 24 where they have removed asbestos, but now they want us
- 25 to measure to see that the air is clean so people can

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1 go back in there. We follow the protocols that say if

- 2 you analyze this, you have to -- you have to call it
- 3 regulated asbestos if it meets this criteria. That's
- 4 the protocol or method we're using. That's what we get
- 5 audited on. You can't say I'm using this method, but
- 6 I'm using some other counting rules and I got to
- 7 determine if it's asbestiform or non-asbestiform. It's
- 8 the counting rules. It's what you have to report.
- 9 That, what we had up there, would be reported
- 10 as regulated asbestos, and we would put it on our count
- 11 sheet and we would put how many fibers of cc of air
- 12 that represents.
- 13 Q Now, I have a few other pictures. 161.10 C;
- 14 can you tell me, is that a different anthophyllite
- 15 fiber?
- 16 A It is. I think that's a single fiber. And it's,
- 17 again, it's anthophyllite, using the governmental ASTM
- 18 ISO counting rules, 7.5 micrometers, so it's greater
- 19 than or equal in length to .5 micrometers, or microns;
- 20 and it's the width of .2, so does it have an aspect
- 21 ratio greater than 5-to-1, greater than or equal to
- 22 5-to-1? I can tell you it does by looking at it. And
- 23 7.5 divided by .2, it has an aspect ratio of 37.5-to-1.
- 24 But you also will have ones that are much
- 25 lower. But each and every one of them will be meeting

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- 1 looking at the crystalline, the crystalline diffraction
- 2 patterns to make sure it has the right crystalline
- 3 structure for regulated asbestos.
- 4 Q Now, we talked a little bit about --
- 5 MR. DUBIN: I'm sorry, can I have those 6 pictures now?
- 7 MS. COOPER: Sure.
- 8 MR. DUBIN: Do you have the identification of
- 9 which pages of the report these are on?
- MS. COOPER: We can get that.
- 11 BY MS. COOPER:
- 12 Q So we talked a little bit about your results.
- 13 I want to talk to you a little bit about, and going
- 14 back to our testing 101, the idea of a non-detect.
- 15 Some of these are positive, but some of them aren't.
- Can you tell us what does it mean that it's
- 17 non-detect?
- 18 A Simply that. When you did the analysis you did
- 19 not detect any asbestos, not one fiber. So you
- 20 reported as non-detected. You can't report it as zero
- 21 and you can't report it as there's probably some there,
- 22 I just didn't find it. Alls you can say is it's not
- 23 detectable.
- Q Even on the ones you didn't find the positive doesn't necessarily mean there's no asbestos?

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- 1 the regulated asbestos definition for what we have to
- 2 count when we use these protocols. We really don't
- 3 have a lot of leeway in it if you say you're going to
- 4 use these methods.
- 5 Q Last picture, Dr. Longo, because I want to
- 6 show different kind of shapes and sizes here. We're
- 7 looking at 161.10 D. Can you tell us a little bit
- 8 about this anthophyllite fiber?
- 9 A That would be more --
- 10 Q I'm sorry, I said fiber but I actually don't
- 11 know.
- 12 A Again, we're looking at pictures off it. The
- 13 analyst, the microscopist makes the decision. Some of
- 14 these bundles are obvious. They look like they have
- 15 wires sticking out the end of it. But to be a bundle
- 16 it has to have multiple fibers, typically, depending on
- 17 the protocol, at least two or three, that are touching
- 18 and all going in the same direction. But the
- 19 microscopist makes the final decision. It's just that
- 20 these photographs are not as good.
- 21 So again, in this particular case it has an
- 22 aspect ratio of about 10-to1 and meets the definition
- 23 of counting rules, plus besides this we're doing an
- 24 analysis where we check the micro chemistry to see if
- 25 it matches a particular type of asbestos. We're

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- 1 A Alls you can say, scientifically it's non-detect.2 You can't say there's nothing there, that it's clean.
- 3 You can only go to your analytical sensitivity. So if
- 4 there was 2,000 fibers per gram of bundle and our
- 5 analytical sensitivity is 4,000 grams, we're not going
- 6 to detect it.
- 7 But on the same token, to be fair, you can't
- 8 say it's 2,000, all you can say it's below our
- 9 detection limit. You can't say it's not there and you
- 10 can't say it's there.
- 11 Q Dr. Longo, I want to move us a little bit
- 12 down the road because I am trying to get you out of
- 13 here as soon as we can. We're going to move from your
- 14 test results now to something I call the name game.
- 15 So we talked a little about the definition of
- 16 a regulated fiber. Can you first tell us what is --
- 17 we've heard the word asbestiform. When we say
- 18 something is asbestiform, what does that mean?19 A It's a definition that states that the mineral has
- 20 formed like asbestos. It's fibrous. And that's truly
- 21 just the definition. It just forms like asbestos.
- 2 Q Well, what does it have to be or what do you
- 23 mean when you say that something is asbestos?
- 24 A We say it's asbestos because we are following the
- 25 method that gives you the definitions of what you

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- 1 report as asbestos. The fiber length, the fiber width,
- 2 the chemistry as you get into it; obviously, after it's
- 3 a fiber you have to say yes, it's asbestos or no, it's
- 4 not, it's something else; fibrous talc, antigorite or
- 5 some other mineral.
- Q So you talk about standards for you to be
- 7 able to count. What standards are you using?
- 8 A For TEM, for PLM we're using the International
- 9 Standards Organization 22262-1 for PLM, no heavy liquid
- 10 method. For the heavy liquid density method we're
- 11 using the Blount method that she published in 1991.
- 12 So, and we're using the counting rules of what you call
- 13 asbestos in the ISO 22262-1. They have specific things
- 14 that they say in order to call it asbestiform, these
- 15 are the things that you have to have.
- By transmission electron microscopy there is
- 17 a number of methods. There's the Environmental
- 18 Protection Agency, AHERA, A-H-E-R-A, Asbestos Hazard
- 19 Emergency Response Act that has a TEM method in the
- 20 back that you have to use if a school is being cleared,
- 21 so kids can go back in after they have removed
- 22 asbestos. That has the counting rules we just talked
- 23 about; greater than or equal to .5, parallel sides,
- 24 5-to-1 aspect ratio and asbestos.
- 25 It's also the same method that the

## 1 BY MS. COOPER:

- Q So, Dr. Longo, I'm going to hand you
- 3 Plaintiff's Exhibit 936. Can you tell me what that is?
- 4 A This is the Environmental Protection Agency Part
- 5 763 Asbestos, which is part of the AHERA, emergency
- 6 response -- the Asbestos Emergency Response Act. And
- 7 it has to do with what you have to do to analyze for
- 8 asbestos, both polarized light microscopy if you do
- 9 that or transmission electron microscopy for air
- 10 samples.
- 11 Q So I want to turn your attention to page 876.
- 12 And I'm actually going to put it up here on the screen
- 13 as well.
- 14 So, you mentioned that there is a definition
- 15 for asbestiform in here and we see here that it says,
- 16 "A specific type of mineral fibrosity in which the
- 17 fibers and fibrils possess high tensile strength and
- 18 flexibility."
- 19 So, Dr. Longo, how do you count something
- 20 like that?
- 21 A Well, you can't. It's just a general definition.
- 22 You know, how do you determine high tensile strength?
- 23 It's impossible with a polarized microscope or a
- 24 transmission electron microscope. And what's the
- 25 definition of high tensile strength?

- 1 International Standards Organization uses for their TEM
- 2 method. They have two of them. The fiber is designed
- 3 exactly what I just said about EPA; same length, same
- 4 aspect ratio, same everything.
- American Society of Testing Materials has
- 6 three TEM methods on the books right now -- no, four.
- 7 They all use that method. They all say if it's this,
- 8 you count it as asbestos and report it. It's not our
- 9 counting rules. It's ASTM, International Standards
- 10 Organization, the EPA; it's the same counting rules.
- 11 It's fairly straightforward.
- 12 Q Okay. I have a few of these, but I'm just
- 13 going to show us one of them.
- So you mentioned EPA, ASTM, all these
- 15 standards that you reference to figure out if something
- 16 is this regulated asbestos fiber.
- 17 So, your Honor, at this time we're going to
- 18 be offering for demonstrative purposes Plaintiff's
- 19 Exhibit 936. Tender to defense counsel for
- 20 examination.
- MR. DUBIN: This is AHERA? No objection to
- 22 the use for demonstrative purposes.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. Proceed.
- 24 MS. COOPER: Your Honor, may I approach?
- 25 THE COURT: Yes.

- So these are general definitions. What
- 2 they're asking you to do are flexibility. How do you
- 3 determine flexibility on a fiber or bundle that is
- 4 microns in size that you can't even see with a naked
- 5 eye? There is no test for that.
- And these tests are very specific. You're
- 7 analyzing regulated asbestos. There's nothing in this
- 8 earth, there's no analytical scientific equipment that
- 9 can take single microscopic fibers and measure high
- 10 tensile strength that's not defined or flexibility
- 11 that's not defined. And every one of the methods will
- 12 have this.
- 13 But then if you go down to what a fiber is,
- 14 they don't define that as high tensile strength or has
- 15 to have flexibility. They just say here it is,
- 16 structure greater than or equal to five micrometers in
- 17 length with an aspect ratio length to width of 5-to-1
- 18 or greater and having substantially parallel sides.
- Every TEM method has this.
- 20 Q Okay. So when you're counting it, you're
- 21 using fiber, whether or not it meets this definition.
- 22 That's why we call it a regulated fiber. And is that
- 23 exactly what you did when you were calculating your
- 24 results?
- 25 A Yes.

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- Q And have you found that, first that talcum 1
- 2 powder is a dusty -- a dusty product?
- Q And is asbestos in the product in such a way
- 5 that you can breathe it?
- 6 A Yes, it is. It's all fine powder so it's nothing
- 7 binding in with the talc, not like a product that has
- 8 asbestos added to it where it's a mixture of other
- 9 materials. This is a very small particulate that
- 10 easily gets airborne.
- Q So we might have seen pictures of, say, pills
- 12 and olive oil and deodorant that has talc in it. If
- 13 it's not in breathable form, is the asbestos or the
- 14 talc that has asbestos in it, could that be dangerous?
- 15 A I don't talk about danger or health effects of
- 16 asbestos. On the other hand, I talk about what is the
- 17 potential to inhale asbestos fibers or measurements of
- 18 asbestos fibers in product where you're wearing air
- 19 samples and you can make a measurement.
- 20 The material is dusty. You're shaking it
- 21 out, it gets up into the environment, and you're going
- 22 to be inhaling or breathing the talc. You can see it.
- 23 Talk about it being dusty, Mr. Rimondi talked about it 23 at some point you were given a number of bottles of
- 24 being dusty, getting up in the air. And even when you 24 Johnson & Johnson products to analyze by a few
- 25 can't see it, you can smell it because of the fragrance
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- 1 that is adhered to the talc particles.
- Q Dr. Longo, we talked about the idea of detect
- 3 and non-detect. Is there a way to guarantee that talc
- 4 is free of asbestos with the current available methods?
- 5 A No. You can only go to your detection limit.
- Q So if a company wants to guarantee that their
- 7 baby powder does not have, it is completely free of
- 8 asbestos, what should they do?
- 9 A The only solution is not sell it with cosmetic 10 talc.
- Q Do you know if Johnson & Johnson sells
- 12 cornstarch baby powder?
- 13 A They do.
- Q Have you ever heard of asbestos being in
- 15 cornstarch baby powder?
- 16 A No.
- Q Dr. Longo, we've gotten to the end of our 17
- 18 road. I wanted to ask you just finally, if you want to
- 19 find asbestos, first, do you think it's important to
- 20 use the best tests?
- 21 A Yes.
- Q Do you think it's important to use the most
- 23 sensitive tests?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Do you think that that is the only way that

- 1 you're going to find the asbestos?
- 2 A You have to have the highest analytical
- 3 sensitivity possible to get an idea of can you detect
- 4 asbestos or not. Using poor analytical sensitivity
- 5 will not allow you to do that.
- Q And can we agree that all of the opinions
- 7 given today were, are within a reasonable degree of
- 8 scientific certainty?
- 9 A Yes.

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- 10 MS. COOPER: Your Honor, at this time I pass
- 11 the witness.
- 12 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 13 Any time you're ready, counsel.
- 14 MR. DUBIN: Yep.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DUBIN:
- Q Hi, Dr. Longo. How are you? 16
- 17 A Fine. Good afternoon.
- 18 Q Good afternoon.
  - All right. So I want to walk through your
- 20 opinions and hopefully give the jury a little bit more
- 21 of an understanding of what's going on here.
- 22 First, I think you've already explained that

- 25 different law firms, right?
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- 1 A That is correct. Q It was three different law firms, one of
- 3 which was the Lanier firm, correct?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- Q And what did they ask you to look for? 5
- 6 A They asked me to see if it had asbestos in it.
- Q That's not quite right, right? They asked
- 8 you to look for amphibole. That's what they asked you
- 9 to look for?
- 10 A That's possible. I don't recall that, but that's
- 11 possible.
- 12 Q Let's look at some of your testimony.
- 13 (Handing.)
- 14 A Thank you.
- Q I'll let you read it first before attempting
- 16 to impeach or anything. Give you an opportunity. Look
- 17 at page 53 of your testimony in the Herford case, line
- 18 6 through 11.
- 19 A I'm sorry. What was that page again?
- 20 Q I'm sorry. Page 53.
- 21 A Thank you.
- 22 MR. DUBIN: I'm sorry, your Honor. I have
- 23 one for you, too.
- 24 Here you go. (Handing.)
- 25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 BY MR. DUBIN:

- 2 Q So when you were hired by those plaintiffs'
- 3 law firms to look at the Johnson & Johnson product,
- 4 what did they ask you to look for?
- 5 A Specifically asked to determine if Johnson &
- 6 Johnson cosmetic talc contains detectable amount of 7 amphiboles.
- 8 Q Right. So the question wasn't asbestos. It
- 9 was look for amphiboles, right?
- 10 A That's what I stated.
- 11 Q And I want to start there, we'll come back to
- 12 that in a second because I want to talk about a
- 13 different type of asbestos and asbestos that's not
- 14 amphibole and just orient us, if we could put up slide
- 15 5.
- So I've written up here what is asbestos, and
- 17 we're going to talk a lot about that today. But you
- 18 recognize these various terms that I have up here under
- 19 what is asbestos, right?
- 20 A I do.
- 21 Q The one I want to focus on first is the only
- 22 one of the asbestos types that is not an amphibole and
- 23 that is chrysotile. That's something you're familiar
- 24 with, right?
- 25 A I am.

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- 1 Q And so based on what we -- we've talked ad
- 2 nauseam, I know you don't know, you were sitting out in
- 3 the hall, we were talking ad nauseam about people who
- 4 claimed to find chrysotile in Johnson & Johnson such as
- 5 Dr. Lewin, some people at Bowling Green, et cetera.
- 6 But that wasn't even something that when these lawyers
- 7 originally approached you even asked you to look for in
- 8 Johnson & Johnson products, right?
- 9 A According to that testimony, that's correct.
- 10 Q And, in fact, you've analyzed now, I think
- 11 you said somewhere on the order of 100 bottles of
- 12 Johnson & Johnson products and you have never reported
- 13 finding any chrysotile in any of them, right?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q And I think one of your initial explanations
- 16 for that is that you used, particularly when you were
- 17 starting out, this heavy density liquid separation
- 18 method, sometimes you referred to it as the Blount
- 19 method, right?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And you've said that one of the bad things
- 22 about the Blount method, I guess one of its drawbacks
- 23 is that it sort of prohibits you from finding
- 24 chrysotile, right?
- 25 A Correct.

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- 1 Q But now, for example, you've done some PLM
- 2 work without concentration on Johnson & Johnson
- 3 products, right?
- 4 A That is correct.
- 5 Q So no bias in that against finding
- 6 chrysotile, right?
- 7 A Yes, sir. There is some.
- Q Okay. Because there may be a thin fiber?
- 9 A Yes, sir. It's harder to see chrysotile by PLM at
- 10 these concentrations.
- 11 Q But certainly you no longer have the issue of
- 12 heavy density separation, right?
- 13 A That is correct.
- 14 Q And you still didn't find chrysotile, right?
- 15 A No. We haven't seen it.
- 16 Q And with respect to TEM work, you said there
- 17 are some limitations for looking at, for chrysotile,
- 18 with PLM; you could, if you wanted to, do TEM work
- 19 without concentration to see if there's any chrysotile
- 20 that you can find in any Johnson & Johnson products
- 21 right?
- 22 A Within the limitations of the detection limit,
- 23 that's correct.
- 24 Q And you have simply chosen not to do that
- 25 analysis?

- 1 A That's correct. Not yet.
  - 2 Q So to be clear, when we see documents,
- 3 plaintiffs have presented documents that chrysotile is
- 4 in Johnson & Johnson, you, the expert, as the expert
- 5 coming to testify for them, have not done TEM work
- 6 without concentration in order to check whether
- 7 chrysotile is really in this product, right?
- 8 A That is correct.
- 9 Q So let's now talk about amphiboles. And if
- 10 we go to slide 7, I blocked those out a little bit.
- So now I've separated out the amphibole types
- 12 from the -- chrysotile is a serpentine mineral, right?
- 13 A That is correct.
- 14 Q And amphibole, the word amphibole does not
- 15 mean asbestos, correct?
- 16 A Does not.
- 17 Q And you'll see here that for some of the
- 18 amphiboles, the amphibole asbestos types are listed on
- 19 the left. For some of the amphiboles there are special
- 20 names when the amphibole occurs in its asbestos-form,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Correct.
- Q So like riebeckite is the non-asbestos
- 24 version of crocidolite, just as an example?
- 25 A That is correct.

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- 1 Q However, when you get down to some of them,
- 2 like tremolite, the way they're typically distinguished
- 3 in various regulations is by calling the non-asbestos
- 4 one just tremolite, and then calling the asbestos one
- 5 tremolite asbestos, correct?
- 6 A That's correct in some cases, but not all cases.
- Q Well, we'll look at the cases in which it is
- 8 correct. The word tremolite does not mean asbestos,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A If it is a cleavage fragment, that's correct.
- Q The word tremolite does not automatically
- 12 mean asbestos, correct?
- 13 A If it's a cleavage fragment it is not asbestos.
- Q Okay. The word anthophyllite does not mean
- 15 it has to be asbestos, right?
- 16 A No. If it's a cleavage fragment it can be called
- 17 anthophyllite, but also anthophyllite is called it as
- 18 asbestos, too.
- 19 Q We're looking right here, and we could look
- 20 at this and all the regulations if you don't want to
- 21 agree with me on it. There are asbestos types of
- 22 anthophyllite and non-asbestos types of anthophyllite?
- 23 A I absolutely agree.
- Q There are asbestos types of tremolite, there
- 25 are non-asbestos types of tremolite, correct?

- 1 version of it because it's easier to see. All right.
- 2 I can go to the Elmo.
- 3 All right. That's why I don't usually use
- 4 the Elmo.
- This has, in this EPA regulation, basically
- 6 exactly what we were just talking about, right? Has
- 7 the -- focus -- list of amphiboles, I'll do it in
- 8 another document, too. It has the list of asbestiform
- 9 amphiboles and then non-EPA amphiboles exactly like we
- 10 were discussing; tremolite, actinolite, anthophyllite
- 11 all have non-asbestos forms, correct?
- 12 A Correct.
- Q And that same regulation has various
- 14 definitions -- has a definition of what asbestos is,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And if we look at slide 12, slide 12, that is
- 18 the definition by the EPA of what asbestos is. It has
- 19 to be the asbestiform varieties of the minerals that we
- 20 talked about before, including tremolite and
- 21 actinolite, right?
- 22 A That's what it states.
- 23 Q And if we look at slide 13, I think you
- 24 mentioned this before, it has a definition of
- 25 asbestiform that talks about the mineral fibrosity in

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# 1 A I agree with that, too.

- Q Okay. And to give an example, I know you've
- 3 seen this image before, slide 8, one of the terms, I
- 4 think you used the term today massive form. Sometimes
- 5 it can be called common tremolite, massive tremolite.
- 6 non-asbestos form tremolite. That's where we're
- 7 talking about the non-asbestos tremolite, right?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- Q Then there's asbestiform tremolite, correct?
- 10 A That is correct.
- O You talked about various health definitions
- 12 of asbestos and I want to look at a few of what the
- 13 definitions actually are. So let's start with the EPA.
- 14 The EPA is the Environmental Protection Agency,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A That is correct.
- 17 Q And you would agree with me, it is a
- 18 health-based organization, correct?
- 19 A I would agree.
- Q And plaintiffs marked already an EPA
- 21 regulation called the AHERA regulation, and that was
- 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 936. I want to look at that a
- 23 little bit more closely.
- So if we go to page 80 of it, blow up that
- 25 table, I can barely see it myself here, we'll use our

- Page 145 1 which fibers and fibrils possess high tensile strength
- 2 and flexibility, right?
- 3 A That's what it states.
- Q And those are properties that certain types
- 5 of minerals have because they grow in an asbestiform
- 6 habit, right?
- 7 A Yes, sir. They're fibers.
- Q Well, they grow as fibers. That's how the
- 9 minerals are formed, correct?
- 10 A Correct. The geometrical shape of it.
- Q And OSHA, OSHA is an agency responsible for 11
- 12 workplace safety and health, correct?
- 13 A Yes, it is.
- Q And if we go to slide 14, OSHA also makes a
- 15 distinction between asbestos amphiboles and
- 16 non-asbestos amphiboles, right?
- 17 A It does.
- Q And they only regulate the ones that are the
- 19 asbestos forms; for example, tremolite asbestos as
- 20 opposed to just tremolite, right?
- 21 A That's what they state.
- Q They specifically do not regulate
- 23 non-asbestiform amphiboles?
- 24 A That's what OSHA states.
- 25 Q And they provide a little bit more detail

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1 about this, too. If we go to slide 15, OSHA makes

- 2 clear that for purposes of this regulation -- let's
- 3 talk for a second about what I mean by this regulation.
- OSHA has regulations regulating the use and
- 5 exposures to asbestos in the workplace, right?
- 6 A That is correct.
- Q And those regulations are intended presumably
- 8 to help protect workers, correct?
- 9 A I would assume so.
- Q And OSHA says, "For purposes of this
- 11 regulation, the mineral must be one of the six minerals
- 12 covered and must be in the asbestos growth habit."
- 13 Correct?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q Now I want to talk about cleavage fragments
- 16 so we really know what we're -- what terms we're using
- 17 here. But we have a short video here that I showed in
- 18 opening, if you show slide 16, to explain what a
- 19 cleavage fragment is.
- 20 This is somebody just breaking apart calcite.
- 21 It's not an amphibole mineral. But you can see
- 22 obviously, and I think you'll agree, that you can take
- 23 a non-asbestos mineral and you can break it up into
- 24 pieces, right?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q And because of the nature of these minerals, 2 they may break along what are called cleavage plains,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Correct.
- Q So if I go back to slide 8, now let's say I
- 6 take the rock on the right, the non-asbestos rock.
- 7 Okay? We're going to start there. And now I'm going
- 8 to go to slide 17. I can take that non-asbestos rock
- 9 and I can start to break it up with, for example, a
- 10 hammer, right? You could do that?
- 11 A You could. Yes.
- 12 Q And if you look at slide 18, you'll start to
- 13 get all sorts of different shapes and sizes as they
- 14 break along cleavage plains, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- Q And you cannot -- something like this, for
- 17 example, this process of grinding or breaking things
- 18 up, if you have a milling process or you're producing,
- 19 let's say, a talcum powder product, that could also
- 20 result in trace amounts of tremolite, non-asbestos
- 21 tremolite being broken up, right?
- 22 A That's correct.
- Q But there is not some form of magical
- 24 transformation. You can't take pieces of the
- 25 non-asbestos rock and break it up and then call it

1 asbestos, right?

- 2 A That is correct.
- Q But as we can see, some of the pieces, when
- 4 you break them up, may be long and thin, right?
- 5 They'll break in all sorts of different shapes and
- 6 sizes, right?
- 7 A Yes.
- Q And you've agreed, I believe, that long, thin
- 9 cleavage fragments can resemble asbestos fibers, right?
- 10 A That's correct.
- Q And so I want to talk about really then what 11
- 12 is going on here, and let's start with looking at slide
- 13 60. Let's say I have done exactly what I just did,
- 14 break up tremolite, non-asbestos tremolite, and it just
- 15 so happens to break into a piece of this size and
- 16 shape. It's over five microns long. It has more than
- 17 a 5-to-1 aspect ratio, and that's length to width. You
- 18 will call that asbestos?
- 19 A Not me. No. I would call it as the regulated
- 20 asbestos per the counting rules.
- Q Okay. If you saw that piece you would write
- 22 down in your report asbestos when you were saying what
- 23 that was, correct?
- 24 A Following the counting rules, that's correct. If
- 25 it looked just like that, yes.

- Q Even though we already just established that
- 2 if that is from a cleavage fragment it's not really
- 3 asbestos, right?
- 4 A If it is actually from a cleavage fragment or it
- 5 actually is asbestos, because you don't start with
- 6 pounding a rock and then knowing what you have. You're
- 7 looking at what the sample is, how it came. So if
- 8 you're looking at a single fiber like this and you
- 9 follow the counting rules by EPA, by OSHA, by ISO, you
- 10 would report that as asbestos.
- Q This is an important issue and I appreciate
- 12 you listening to my question and trying to respond
- 13 directly to me. Okay?
- That structure comes from breaking apart
- 15 non-asbestos tremolite. You would agree with me that
- 16 it's not magically become, in fact, asbestos, right?
- 17 A Yes, sir. I've already agreed to that.
- Q Okay. But you would count it and report it
- 19 in your reports as asbestos, correct?
- 20 A If your hypothetical is true, that is correct.
- 21 Q So I want to talk a little bit about then
- 22 sort of these counting rules and what they really mean;
- 23 do they mean that something is actually asbestos.
- 24 Let's start by talking first about a type of
- 25 microscopy that we haven't mentioned -- well, actually

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1 it was shown and not discussed, and that's phase

- 2 contrast microscopy. Can you tell the jury a little
- 3 bit about that?
- 4 A It's an optical microscope and it has a green
- 5 filter that changes the phase slightly of the direction
- 6 of the light so that it gives you a little bit better
- 7 resolution. It's an air sample collected on an air
- 8 filter. And for phase contrast microscopy, which is
- 9 the method that OSHA recommends to determine the amount 9 A
- 10 of fibers in the air that NIOSH. National Institutes of
- 11 Occupational Safety and Health uses, and it has a, you
- 12 analyze it at a magnification of 430 times. If you
- 13 have a fiber parallel sides, it's greater than .25
- 14 micrometers in width, greater than five micrometers in
- 15 length, and has an aspect ratio greater than or equal
- 16 to 3, not 5-to-1, but 3-to-1, you count it as a fiber.
- 17 Q Okay. And so phase contrast microscopy is
- 18 used, for example, by OSHA as part of regulating
- 19 asbestos in the workplace, right?
- 20 A It is.
- Q And what are some of the drawbacks of phase
- 22 contrast microscopy in terms of fiber identification?
- 23 A You cannot determine what the fiber is. You
- 24 can't -- it only tells you you have a fiber. It's not
- 25 designed and cannot identify asbestos. It only says
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- 1 count this and report it as fiber per cc.
- Q And so what sorts of things could be counted
- 3 as positive as asbestos under a phase -- under phase --
- 4 let me start that over.
- What sorts of things other than asbestos
- 6 could be counted as asbestos under OSHA's counting
- 7 rules that use phase contrast microscopy?
- 8 A Anything that is fibrous but you don't just say
- 9 it's asbestos. Usually phase contrast microscopy is
- 10 used in conjunction where they're using asbestos
- 11 products, asbestos added products. So OSHA allows you
- 12 to make the assumption, since it's an
- 13 asbestos-containing product, you can call it asbestos
- 14 fibers. You're not required to go any further than
- 15 that.
- 16 Q We'll talk about that in conjunction thing in
- 17 a minute, but I'm just asking you a simpler question
- 18 first. What kind of fibers, assuming you have a basis
- 19 to use that OSHA fiber counting in a workplace, what
- 20 types of fibers other than asbestos could be counted as
- 21 asbestos under that technique?
- 22 A Fibrous talc, fibrous antigorite, fibrous
- 23 sepiolite; any fibrous material that meets that
- 24 definition.
- 25 Q Fiberglass?

- 1 A Not really, because fiberglass is so big, it's
  - 2 man-made fiber. You can get silica, just silica
  - 3 fibers, but fiberglass is typically not one of them.
  - 4 It looks completely different.
  - Q Okay. So, but those other fibers that you
  - 6 mentioned, let's say again talc, they might meet the
  - 7 counting criteria for asbestos that was set out by OSHA
  - 8 for the workplace, right?
  - Yes, sir.
  - 10 Q But they are not asbestos?
  - 11 A If you're measuring non-asbestos fibers, no, they
  - will not be asbestos.
  - 13 Q So the fact that something satisfies or hits
  - 14 a counting criteria for asbestos does not make it
  - 15 asbestos, correct?
  - 16 A It's correct for that technique, but it is not
  - 17 correct for the other techniques that actually identify
  - 18 the fiber like transmission electron microscopy.
  - 19 You're sort of taking the definitions of an orange and
  - 20 comparing it to apples.
  - 21 Q Okay. Well, if I counted again one of those
  - 22 other fibers under the OSHA scheme meets counting
- 23 rules, that doesn't mean that you, Dr. Longo, conclude
- 24 it's asbestos, right?
- 25 A No. I would not. I would use transmission
- 1 electron microscopy that goes in conjunction with that
- 2 method to verify it's asbestos. I would never ever
- 3 take phase contrast microscopy without having any
- 4 knowledge of what's being sampled and call it asbestos.
- 5 That is inappropriate.
- Q We'll talk about your TEM method in a second.
- 7 To close this one out, to give the jury a sense of what
- 8 you mean when you say something is countable or
- 9 regulated, you actually have to look at the regulations
- 10 and not just the counting criteria, right?
- 11 A No. You're comparing phase contrast microscopy
- 12 with TEM. The regulations in those protocols say if it
- 13 meets these definitions, and of course, you're also
- 14 getting the chemistry of the fiber, you're also getting
- 15 the crystalline pattern of the fiber, and it tells you
- 16 in there you will be calling it asbestos to the TEM
- 17 counting rules. You can't take phase contrast
- 18 microscopy and go over and say this is what happens in
- 19 TEM. That's not applicable.
- 20 Q Let's explain -- I think you actually said
- 21 this yourself earlier, which is in OSHA you're dealing
- 22 with a situation where they've already established that
- 23 there are asbestos products being used in the
- 24 workplace, right?
- 25 A If they're using it for that, yes.

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- 1 not just about do I see a structure that is over 5.5
- 2 microns in length and greater than 5-to-1 aspect ratio,
- 3 right?
- 4 A Well, no. It would not have that. This is
- 5 polarized light microscopy. You're trying to compare
- 6 this to the counting rules for transmission electron
- 7 microscopy. That's two different things.
- Q You didn't apply these criteria to your
- 9 polarized light microscopy, right?
- 10 A Yes, we did. Everything that we have reported in
- 11 our polarized light microscopy, because we use the ISO
- 12 22262-1, the mean aspect ratio of the individual fibers
- 13 in the bundles all were greater than 20-to-1. Some of
- 14 them were over 100-to-1. We had some 200-to-1,
- 15 300-to-1. In bundles.
- So yes, they're all greater than five
- 17 micrometers in length. The smallest bundle we found, I
- 18 think, was 40 to 50 micrometers in length. So as with
- 19 the EPA, the R93, now this is not the ISO method that
- 20 we used, but it meets a lot of these criteria. It's
- 21 not TEM.
- 22. Q We'll see when we get to your data whether
- 23 that's correct.
- 24 Additionally, the other counting criteria
- 25 that you use is the ISO?

- 1 scale. These definitions have nothing to do with the
- 2 actual analysis.
- Q Okay. Let's look at one more and then I'll
- 4 ask you that question again. Go to slide 24. And so
- 5 it also says, "Asbestos, group of silicate minerals
- 6 belonging in the serpentine and amphibole groups which
- 7 have crystallized in the asbestiform habit causing them
- 8 to be easily separated into long, thin, flexible,
- 9 strong fibers when crushed or processed." Right?
- 10 That's also in that method?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 O And as I understand your testimony then, the
- 13 definitions of asbestos in the methods that you
- 14 personally use, you say, have nothing to do with
- 15 whether something is actually asbestos or not?
- 16 A No. You're kind of mixing it up a little. We
- 17 were talking about the general definition of
- 18 asbestiform. This is now talking about asbestos.
- 19 Crystallized in asbestiform habit, yes. What we
- 20 determine it is crystallized, it is crystal; and
- 21 asbestiform means fibrous if you go to the just
- 22 geological definition.
- 23 They can be separated in what we find in the
- 24 long, thin -- well, flexible. Tremolite anthophyllite
- 25 asbestos is not flexible. And strong fibers when

- 1 A Yes.
- Q And if we go to slide 22, that criteria also 3 says that for amphibole to be asbestos it has to be
- 4 amphibole in the asbestiform habit, right?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- Q And that criteria also says, if we go to
- 7 slide 23, to be asbestiform it has to be a specific
- 8 type of mineral fibrosity in which the fibers and
- 9 fibrils possess high tensile strength and flexibility,
- 10 right?
- 11 A That's what it states.
- Q They're trying to again distinguish between
- 13 asbestiform amphibole and non-asbestiform amphibole
- 14 here, right?
- 15 A No. This is an overall geological definition. It
- 16 has nothing to do with the actual analysis.
- Q Nothing to do with the actual analysis
- 18 because you're saying you're going to rely on the
- 19 counting criteria?
- 20 A No. It doesn't have anything to do with the
- 21 actual analysis because there's no way to determine
- 22 what high tensile strength is in the analysis. It
- 23 doesn't even tell you what high tensile strength means,
- 24 100 PSI, 1,000 PSI. It doesn't tell you how to measure
- 25 the flexibility because you can't on a microscopic

- - 1 crushed or processed. Again, what's strong mean?
  - 2 Q Okay. What I'm saying to you very clearly is
  - 3 that you don't make an effort beyond just saying what I
- 4 found is over .5 microns in length and is greater than
- 5 a 5-to-1 aspect ratio, you don't make any effort to
- 6 determine whether or not it meets the definitions of
- 7 how ISO considers -- what ISO considers asbestos to be?
- 8 A That's not true. We determined that it was
- 9 crystalline. You can't have something crystallize in a
- 10 non-crystalline habit. It doesn't work. There's no
- 11 science behind it.
- 12 Q We're going to be here for a while. You said
- 13 you --
- 14 MS. COOPER: Objection, your Honor. I think
- 15 the witness should be able to finish the answer.
- 16 MR. DUBIN: He did --
- 17 THE COURT: Stop.
- 18 MR. DUBIN: Sorry.
- 19 A That's fine. We can move along.
- 20 Q You said you determined that it was
- 21 crystalline, right? That's what you said you
- 22 determined about the structures?
- 23 A
- 24 Q But ISO says crystallized in the asbestiform
- 25 habit, correct, not just that it --

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- 1 A I guess I should have finished, asbestiform means
- 2 fibrous. Everything that we measured was fibrous. In
- 3 the habit, the crystalline habit is nothing more than a
- 4 geology definition for geometrical shapes. As we
- 5 talked about earlier, the geode, that crystallized in a
- 6 crystalline habit, but in this case it's not fibrous or
- 7 dendritic or massive. That's all crystallized in a
- 8 crystalline habit. That's the general definition.
- 9 Q Let's see how this plays out in the actual
- 10 context of your reports.
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q See whether you're actually doing that.
- 13 Let's go to slide 19, to back up for a
- 14 second. So as we said, there were some initial reports
- 15 from April of, I think August and March that related to
- 16 an initial set of 32 samples, right?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q And I think you said that the reason you
- 19 tested 32 samples up to the March 2018 report is
- 20 because that was what was sent to you, correct?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 Q And actually, to be fair, the testimony
- 23 should have been that there were 31 sent to you and one
- 24 bottle that you purchased off the shelf, right?
- 25 A That is correct.

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- 1 Q And we're going to talk about that
- 2 off-the-shelf bottle later.
- 3 You didn't talk about these results much
- 4 today so I'm not going to go into them in depth, but a
- 5 lot of -- these samples came from predominantly from
- 6 lawyers for plaintiffs in asbestos litigation, right?
- 7 A That is correct.
- $8 \qquad Q \quad \text{Many of them were purchased, for example, off}$
- 9 of eBay, right?
- 10 A Two-thirds of them.
- 11 Q And as of the time of these initial reports,
- 12 there were two things that were sort of different than
- 13 your analysis in the more recent ones. First, at that
- 14 point in time, you were only using TEM and not PLM for
- 15 your analysis?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q And one of the reasons I think you said at
- 18 that time is you said that basically PLM wasn't going
- 19 to work, right?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q And another thing I want to talk about how
- 22 you were handling this asbestiform issue and the like
- 23 back then. And what I've done to just try to make this
- 24 a little easier is you don't add page numbers to
- 25 your -- page numbers to your reports, huh?

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- 1 A We do through the actual written portion of it.
- 2 But the backup data we have in individual notebooks
- 3 that you can usually go to. I don't put it together
- 4 like that.
- MR. HYNES: Dr. Longo, here's your March 11,
- 6 2018, report and this is the November 14, 2018, report
- 7 with pagination.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 9 MR. HYNES: You're welcome.
- 10 BY MR. DUBIN:
- 11 Q So, if you could turn, I'll cull up a page
- 12 out of your March 11, 2018, report, page 450. For us
- 13 it's D-11031.
- 14 And so, for example, this is an image that
- 15 you had in your March report, correct? We discussed
- 16 this image a while back, right?
- 17 A We did.
- Q And one of the things I think you even
- 19 admitted today is that when you see a single fiber like
- 20 that, you cannot tell whether it is asbestiform, right?
- 21 A In a vacuum like we talked about, that's correct.
- 22 Q Okay. And yet, as we pointed out earlier,
- 23 despite the fact that you cannot make that
- 24 determination, you called this asbestos in your report,
- 25 right?

- 1 A That is correct. It meets the definition of the 2 counting rules by TEM.
- 3 Q And one of the things that we then see, now I
- 4 want to talk about your current report, slide -- we go
- 5 to slide 26. So now you're looking at 54, what we call
- 6 museum bottles, right?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q And what we're going to see here is, we've
- 9 already said that one of the characteristics of
- 10 something that's really asbestiform can be bundle
- 11 formation, right?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- 13 Q Okay. And therefore, whether you identify
- 14 something as a bundle or as a single fiber when you're
- 15 looking at a sample can be important, right?
- 16 A Not for the counting rules, no. It tells you to,
- 17 it has two or three or more touching fibers, we just
- 18 follow the counting rules. So it's not important, I
- 19 understand the debate on it for asbestiform or
- 20 non-asbestiform.
- 21 Q Well, one of the things we know is after
- 22 having been questioned a lot about, well, how can you
- 23 tell these individual fibers are asbestiform when we're
- 24 talking about your old reports, in your new reports,
- 25 museum reports, you call a lot more stuff bundles,

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1 right?

- 2 A No. We call, if they are bundles we call them
- 3 bundles. Now, there is more bundles in the population
- 4 we looked at in the museum samples than there were in
- 5 the earlier ones. That is correct.
- Q Well, to compare, if we go to slide 27, for
- 7 example, now in your museum report, I believe to avoid
- 8 this whole asbestiform debate, you now call 93 percent
- 9 of what you're finding bundles. Do you call 93 percent
- 10 of bundles what you're finding in your museum report?
- 11 A The way the question was asked, I'd have to say no
- 12 and yes.
- 13 Q Well, let me then rephrase it to see if we
- 14 can just get a yes.
- 15 You call about 93 percent of what you find in
- 16 your museum report bundles, right?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q And to give you some examples, I just marked
- 19 this separately so you can have them, 11029 A, and
- 20 10 -- I'm sorry, 11031 A, so you have separately some
- 21 images we're going to talk about. They'll all be in
- 22 your reports, and I'll give you the page cites to make
- 23 it easier for counsel to follow along. And I'll give
- 24 Dr. Longo a copy to make it easier.
- 25 Just so we can see the comparison of some

- 1 right?
- 2 A Yes, sir. That's what the microscopist stated.
- 3 Q And another reason this distinction can be
- 4 important sometimes is if we look at your November 14,
- 5 2018, report at 340, so that would be out of D-11029,
- 6 sometimes you'll find structures that are simply just
- 7 too wide to be individual asbestos fibers, right?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q Okay. And so if this isn't a bundle, then it
- 10 would have to be a cleavage fragment, right?
- 11 A For tremolite?
- 12 Q Yes.
- 13 A Those fibers do not get that big, but it is a
- 14 bundle.
- 15 Q Okay. So you call it a bundle and then call
- 16 it asbestos, right?
- 17 A Even if it was too wide, it would still be called
- 18 asbestos, but that is a bundle.
- 19 Q Okay. So it would be called asbestos by you
- 20 even though if it was that wide it would be a cleavage
- 21 fragment?
- 22 A It's not by me. It's the health and safety
- 23 counting rules for these types of structures. But that
- 24 is a bundle.
- 25 Q Okay. And I think your suggestion is that, I

- 1 things in the old reports you were going to call single
- 2 fibers and now bundles. I showed this slide in
- 3 opening, slide 28. And you'll see these images in what
- 4 I handed to you before, just to verify them. On the
- 5 left, that's from your 3/11/2018 report at page 634,
- 6 and you called that image a single fiber, correct?
- 7 A That's what it states, yes.
- 8 Q Okay. And on the right, that's now from your
- 9 November 14, 2018, report, and now you're calling it,
- 10 that structure, different structure, but you're calling
- 11 that thing a fiber bundle, right?
- 12 A Yes. That's the microscopist who called that.
- 13 Q Okay. And I also showed in the opening slide
- 14 29. So in your old reports, the March 11, 2018,
- 15 report, you called that structure on the left a single
- 16 fiber, right, correct?
- 17 A That's what's in the report, yes.
- 18 Q Okay. In the right, now we're in your
- 19 November 14, 2018, report, on the right you're going to
- 20 call that a fiber bundle, right?
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- 22 Q Another example, slide 30; on the left you're
- 23 going to call that, you called that March 11, 2018,
- 24 that was termed a single fiber, and now on the right,
- 25 November 14, 2018, you're calling that a fiber bundle,

- 1 guess, it sounds like your suggestion is that somehow
- 2 you're just calling it objectively whether these are
- 3 bundles or fibers. Is that what you're suggesting?
- 4 A I mean, a human does do it, but the human sitting
- 5 at the microscope, where you're looking at it and
- 6 you're putting the binoculars in place and you're
- 7 looking at it 200,000 times and you can focus through
- 8 it, it's their decision to do that.
- 9 Q Let's talk about their decision versus --
- 10 let's first start with, okay, you're saying people
- 11 making this call. Those are your analysts working at
- 12 your lab, right?
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- Q And actually, I know this wasn't the purpose
- 15 of the test, but a little while before you produced
- 16 your report on the museum samples you actually did a
- 17 little test inside MAS of your analysts where they
- 18 looked at the exact same material, same grid squares,
- 19 and they wrote down, among other things, whether they
- 20 thought something was a fiber or a bundle or the like,
- 21 right?
- 22 A Yes. As you pointed out, that wasn't what the
- 23 verification was, but that's what they did.
- Q And that was called the MAS TEM Coefficient
- 25 of Variation for Tremolite Anthophyllite in Talc:

Page 170 Page 172 1 Quality Control Study? 1 quadrillions of asbestos fiber bundles, so this is just 2 A Yes, sir. 2 one population. It's not surprising to me. Q This is marked as DD-261 -- I'm sorry, Q And even this morning you were asked about a 4 D-11038. Just for demonstrative purposes. 4 couple different -- I've cut the pages out to make it a MS. COOPER: For demonstrative purposes, your 5 little easier for you. You were asked about a couple 6 Honor. 6 different images by Miss Cooper. (Handing.) THE COURT: What's the marking on that? 7 THE COURT: For the record, that's what you 8 MR. DUBIN: It is D-11038. 8 handed to the witness? THE COURT: Thank you. MR. DUBIN: Yes, your Honor, for his ease of 10 BY MR. DUBIN: 10 reference. He's already got those full reports up Q So one of the things, again, these are your 11 there. 12 analysts looking at the exact same stuff not for 12 BY MR. DUBIN: 13 purposes of the Johnson & Johnson litigation report Q So, for example, if we look at one of your 14 reports, D-11029, at page 999, you were shown this 14 that we're going to talk about, but trying to figure 15 image this morning by Miss Cooper and I think you said 15 out consistency among the analysts, right? 16 A It's a little bit more than that. A consistency 16 that's a single fiber, right? Right? 17 on, if they look at the exact same opening, do they 17 A Yes. 18 count the same number of asbestos structures, so that Q And so if it's a single fiber, again then I 19 you can get a coefficient of variation for the error in 19 could say, Dr. Longo, you know that seeing a single 20 the counting the number of structures from one opening 20 fiber in isolation on TEM, you can't tell whether 21 that's asbestiform, right? 21 to the next. That's what it was designed for. 22 Q And so we know what the results were in that 22 A In a vacuum, that's correct. 23 context, if you look at slide 32. Okay. So these were Q But if you called it a bundle then you can 24 various analysts putting down whether they thought 24 say well, a bundle by itself is asbestiform because a 25 something they were looking at was a bundle or a fiber, 25 bundle is asbestos, right? Page 171 Page 173 1 among other information, right? 1 A Again, if you have no other information you can, 2 yes. 2 A Yes. They did put that down. Q And if we click through, we'll see there was 3 Q And can you tell us what this thing that you 4 actually only one time that your analysts, outside the 4 called a single fiber was classified as in your 5 context of this, all agreed as to what something was, 5 litigation report against Johnson & Johnson? And I 6 think it's on page 990, right? 6 correct? 7 A Yes. This verification of Lee Poye's analysis 7 A Yes and no. 8 states, I think this is number structure 3, it states 8 Q Okay. Well, there was only one time where 9 they all agreed as to whether something was a bundle or 9 that it's a bundle. Q Okay. So this morning when you looked at it. 10 fiber, right? 11 A That would be the yes part. But they all agreed 11 you said single fiber. In your report it says bundle, 12 that this was tremolite, it came from the standard, and 12 right? 13 that their error of coefficient or counting rate error 13 A Well, that's not quite fair. What I said this 14 for the number of structures was six percent which is 14 morning is it looks like a fiber, but we're looking at 15 it on a picture. You have to really for ones that are 15 pretty good. 16 this close, you can see if I look at it closely now. Q But then somehow with slide 27, somehow now 17 But you really need to be at the TEM. 17 in the -- go to slide 27 -- but somehow now in the 18 And what's interesting about this one, as I 18 litigation report against Johnson & Johnson, 19 everybody's pretty much coming up bundles in the museum 19 recall, this had already been analyzed by another 20 laboratory and I think we're in almost 90 something 20 report, right? 21 A Well, no. It's not somehow. The analyst is 21 percent agreement for bundles and fibers. 22 22 making the decision. And in a lot of the photographs MR. DUBIN: I'm going to object to the

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23 non-responsive portion of that answer. Ask it be

THE COURT: The jury will not consider that

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24 stricken.

23 that we didn't look at are clearly looked like have

24 fibers sticking out of it. And yes, it's these many 25 fibers, but we're dealing with mines that have

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- 1 last portion of the testimony. That is stricken from
- 2 the record.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Just answer the question being
- 5 asked, please.
- 6 BY MR. DUBIN:
- 7 Q And another example -- may I approach, your
- 8 Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes.
- 10 MR. DUBIN: (Handing.)
- 11 BY MR. DUBIN:
- 12 Q The surprise of this is ruined, but if you
- 13 could cull up just for demonstrative, D-12248, you were
- 14 asked about this in the deposition recently. Blow up
- 15 that one right there. You were shown this in a recent
- 16 deposition and you were asked what is it, right? You
- 17 recall that?
- 18 A I do.
- 19 Q And you said well, definitely asbestiform, I
- 20 see multiple fibers in the bundles, all that stuff,
- 21 right? You recall that?
- 22 A I do.
- 23 Q And then you were shown what it actually is,
- 24 correct?

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25 A I believe so.

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q Talk a little bit about testing.
- First, if we could cull up slide 37, you're
- 4 familiar with McCrone and McCrone Laboratories, right?
- 5 A I am.
- Q So I want to talk a little bit about them
- 7 because you know that's one of the entities that did
- 8 testing for asbestos for Johnson & Johnson, right?
- 9 A I do know that.
- 10 Q And so we talked a little bit about testing
- 11 methods this morning and one of the first ones you
- 12 talked about was the J4-1. If we look at slide 38.
- 13 So the J4-1 cosmetic industry testing
- 14 standard, that required the use of XRD and then if XRD
- 15 is positive, you use PLM, right?
- 16 A That is correct.
- 17 Q And you also mentioned some work that you
- 18 did, if we could show 39, you did work for a company
- 19 called Scotts at some point, litigation work?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- Q And Scotts, go to slide 40, Scotts testing, a
- 22 different company, what they did back in the day, the
- 23 1970s, they did XRD without concentration and PLM
- 24 without concentration and they did not do any TEM work,
- 25 right?

- Q Let's look at that. D-9053. D-9053 for
- 2 demonstrative purposes only. (Handing.)
- 3 A Thank you.
- 4 Q And that sample is actually a sample of
- 5 non-asbestos tremolite, right?
- 6 A That's what it states.
- 7 Q So the one you were calling a bundle of
- 8 asbestos was actually not asbestos, correct?
- 9 A I would disagree.
- 10 Q Okay. It's from a non-asbestos tremolite
- 11 rock, right?
- 12 A That's what it states. But I can clearly see the
- 13 striations in there, so I would disagree with that.
- 14 Q Okay. So you would disagree with this
- 15 report. Just to show what it is, go to the first page.
- 16 This is from the Bureau of Mines, United States
- 17 Department of the Interior, right?
- 18 A No, sir. I'm not disagreeing with the document.
- 19 I think it's a very good document that has a lot of
- 20 good useful information. I'm just disagreeing on that
- 21 one structure, in the midst of everything around it is
- 22 cleavage fragments. I absolutely agree with that.
- 23 Q We're going to come back to your reports a
- 24 little bit later, but I'm going to switch gears for a
- 25 second.

- 1 A Correct. The labs they used did not do that.
- 2 Q We know that's not right. They used McCrone.
- 3 A Correct. But McCrone never told them they should
- 4 use TEM.
- 5 Q And one of the things, just talking about,
- 6 you know, perspective when you're working for a
- 7 defendant, one of the things you said is that Scotts,
- 8 it would be unfair to criticize Scotts for not going
- 9 beyond even just these two methods, XRD and PLM back in
- 10 the 1970s, right?
- 11 A That's correct. I stated that.
- 12 Q And you know that, if we look at slide 41,
- 13 unlike Scotts and unlike the cosmetic industry at
- 14 large, Johnson & Johnson did go beyond those two
- 15 methods to do TEM work, right?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q And I think you said your understanding was
- 18 it was quarterly testing by TEM?
- 19 A That's what I thought.
- 20 Q Okay. You sure about that?
- 21 A I mean, I don't have the document in front of me.
- 22 I know they put composites together and by TEM
- 23 analysis, as I recall, is every three months or every
- 24 two months. In some cases, sometimes more.Q Okay. Well, we can look at this. It's

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- 1 because he believed that there might be chrysotile
- 2 asbestos even in the actual filters they were using,
- 3 right?
- 4 A Well, it's more than a belief. That was a problem
- 5 in the manufacturing for polycarbonate filters. They
- 6 were pre-contaminated before they got to your lab.
- 7 Q Okay. Irrespective, he recommended an 18
- 8 fiber limit for statistical significance, right?
- 9 A Again, it depended on what was on the background.
- 10 It was a range depending on what you found. So it
- 11 wasn't just 18.
- 12 Q And I think you've agreed before, I think you
- 13 know where I'm going, but it's important, when
- 14 evaluating a method, to know what its analytical
- 15 sensitivity is, right?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q And it's also important to know what your
- 18 detection limit is, right?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q And you produced, originally produced your
- 21 March 11, 2018, report in an electronic format, right?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 Q And you produced them as PDFs, correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q I'm not going to belabor this, but -- and

- 1 First of all, you gave a percentage by PLM,
  - 2 and what was the percentage you were saying of asbestos
  - 3 in the product by PLM?
  - 4 A It ranged from less than .1 percent, and for some
  - 5 of the -- some of the, I believe it was the Asian, I
  - 6 think it was as high as .2 or .1.
  - Q Those numbers are not actually the percentage
  - 8 that you're finding in the products, right?
  - 9 A It's the percentage found in the heavy liquid
  - 10 density portion of it.
  - 11 Q Right. So what you're actually reporting,
  - 12 'cause you admit you made it sound like that was the
  - 13 percentage in the bottle, right?
  - 14 A It's the percentage of what was found on the
  - 15 slide.
  - 16 Q Okay. That's certainly not what you said
  - 17 this morning, right?
  - 18 A I'm not sure. But that's the percentage they
  - 19 found.
  - 20 Q What it really is, is after you do the heavy
  - 21 density liquid separation, you've separated out what
  - 22 you want to separate out, right?
  - 23 A Correct.
  - 24 Q Then you're testing that separated out part
  - 25 and that's the percentage you're talking about?

- 1 take our time up, as I think you'll agree with me that
- 2 this is what happens, if we can show slide 48. At some
- 3 point we discovered something about your electronic
- 4 reports, and you remember us going through this, right?
- 5 A I do.
- 6 Q What happens is that there are certain data
- 7 in your reports that is whited out electronically,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A The detection limit and analytical sensitivity
- 10 because of the analysis, that's correct.
- 11 Q So I don't know if this -- so what happened
- 12 is if you put your cursor over a blank spot in your
- 13 report and you press delete, this white box that was
- 14 covering up certain data disappears and you can
- 15 actually see that there used to be something in the
- 16 report before you gave it to us, right?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q And that's the information on your reports,
- 19 detection limits and analytical sensitivities, correct?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q It's much faster to do it that way, right?
- 22 All right. So I want to talk a little bit
- 23 about, you skipped some stuff so I'm skipping some
- 24 stuff, the percentages in the product that you
- 25 mentioned earlier today.

- 1 A What was seen on that slide. That's correct.
- 2 Q Right. So it is not representing, there's no
- 3 data there that's representing how much asbestos there
- 4 is in the product in the beginning, right?
- 5 A Well, not exactly. No. We also have the ISO PLM
- 6 that's not using heavy liquid and they usually
- 7 correlate, so the analyst takes that into account.
- 8 Occasionally you'll have it higher in the Blount, but a
- 9 lot of the times it's less than .1 percent and it's the
- 10 same.
- 11 Q But all of your ISO work that did not involve
- 12 concentration, if you reported concentration at all,
- 13 you just report it as below .1 percent, right?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q So this .2 percent, .3 percent you were
- 16 talking about by weight is from PLM that does not
- 17 relate to a percentage in the product?
- 18 A I'm just looking through the PLM.
- 19 THE COURT: For the record, which report are
- 20 you looking at, Dr. Longo?
- 21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor. I'm
- 22 looking at November 14.
- 23 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 24 A I think that is true, only in the Asian samples,
- 25 unless I'm missing something.

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Q None of the samples relevant to these

- 2 exposures having to do with Italy and Vermont?
- 3 A That's correct.

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- O So again, if somebody comes up and says oh,
- 5 well, Dr. Longo said I found .2 or .3 by weight, by PLM
- 6 in the bottle as opposed to your concentrate, that
- 7 wouldn't be correct, right?
- 8 A If it's just in the concentrate it's probably a
- 9 factor of approximately ten, so instead of less than
- 10 0.1, it's still less than 0.1.
- Q And this morning you mentioned a bunch of
- 12 numbers about how many fibers per gram there were of
- 13 whatever you're calling asbestos in the museum samples.
- 14 You recall discussing the fiber per gram numbers?
- 15 A Yes.
- Q But you actually also have weight percentages
- 17 for your TEM analysis that you didn't discuss this
- 18 morning, right?
- 19 A That is correct.
- Q And if we look at those just basically, slide
- 21 54, at least in the museum samples that you said you
- 22 were relying on for today, the highest concentration
- 23 was around .0092 of a percent, or 9.2 thousandths of a
- 24 percent, right?
- 25 A That is correct.

2 A Correct.

- O You were also deposed in, let's look at slide
- 4 35, put this in time period. You were deposed at some
- 5 point in a case called Wittman?

1 you had received, right?

- Do you recall that at all?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Well --
- 9 MS. COOPER: Your Honor, objection. May we
- 10 approach?
- 11 THE COURT: Sure. Take that down, please.
- 12 (Sidebar.)
- 13 MS. COOPER: Your Honor, I am just worried
- 14 about getting into improper impeachment when we haven't
- 15 identified when and where, what deposition. He's just
- 16 said he doesn't even know about this. I just want to
- 17 make sure. But if they're going to first impeach him
- 18 they need to give him some context what we're talking
- 19 about before we show it.
- 20 MR. DUBIN: I haven't started to impeach him
- 21 yet. I am simply putting some dates down to get
- 22 oriented for some questions.
- 23 THE COURT: Nothing that I've heard this far
- 24 has been objectionable. Asking him if he recalls
- 25 testifying in a particular case is not improper. I

- 1 Q Okay. I want to talk to you about -- I want
- 2 to talk to you about one more issue for now. And let's
- 3 start with slide 34. And I want to talk to you about
- 4 testing of off-the-shelf bottles.
- So to orient ourselves, I think we had
- 6 already talked about this, that in your initial reports
- 7 you tested 31 bottles from plaintiffs' law firms and
- 8 one bottle that MAS purchased off the shelf, right?
- 9 A Yes.
- Q All of the 31 that you received from
- 11 plaintiffs' law firms were not sealed, correct?
- 12 A They were all not sealed.
- Q Right. The only sealed bottle was one that
- 14 you purchased, that you reported on was one that you
- 15 purchased off the shelf, and you did not detect any
- 16 asbestos in that off-the-shelf bottle, right?
- 17 A That is correct.
- Q You said that you had purchased about 15 to
- 19 20 off the shelf, but you didn't test any of the others
- 20 that MAS purchased off the shelf, right?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 Q And if we go to slide 19. As I think we
- 23 said, you've testified before that the reason that
- 24 there are 32 bottles discussed up until the March 20,
- 25 '18, report is that those -- that because that's what

- Page 197 1 understand the point. I think counsel is trying to get
- 2 us through this.
- 3 (Sidebar ends.)
- 4 THE COURT: You may continue. Put that back
- 5 up.
- 6 BY MR. DUBIN:
- Q And I'm going to hand you a copy of your
- 8 deposition in case you need to refresh your
- 9 recollection of anything. And one of the things that
- 10 you told us in November of 2017 was that you had not
- 11 done any analysis of any Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder
- 12 or Shower to Shower at that point, other than the
- 13 ones -- 30 that had been in your earlier August report,
- 14 and then you included in your March report, as I said,
- 15 one more Lanier sample and that was from eBay and your
- 16 MAS off-the-shelf bottle, right?
- 17 A I don't recall that, but that's probably correct.
- Q Well, maybe you can just refresh your
- 19 recollection, if you want to read. But I think you
- 20 told us at that time that you hadn't done any TEM
- 21 analysis on any additional J&J samples other than the 22 one Lanier sample and the MAS control bottle, right?
- 23 A I don't recall saying that.
- Q Why don't you read your deposition? You can 24
- 25 just see if it refreshes your recollection. If you

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1 look at 85:25 through 86:23. Read it to yourself for	1 CERTIFICATION
2 now.	2
3 A Okay.	3 I, ANDREA F. NOCKS, C.S.R., License Number
4 Q So you told us that other than the two	4 30XI00157300, an Certified Court Reporter in and for the
5 additional that would end up making 32 by March of	5 State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to
6 2018, that at the time of the Wittman deposition in	6 be prepared in full compliance with the current
7 November 2017, you hadn't done any TEM analysis on any	7 Transcript Format for Judicial Proceedings and is a true
8 additional J&J samples, right?	8 and accurate non-compressed transcript to the
9 A That's what I must have thought at the time. Yes,	9 Best of my knowledge and ability.
10 sir.	10
11 Q That's what you swore to under oath, correct?	11
12 A I believed it, yes.	Undrea Nochs CCR CRR
13 Q You believed it. Do you now believe it?	12 ANDREA F. NOCKS March 5, 2019
14 A It's been a lot of samples.	13 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER DATE
15 Q Well, when you told us the reason there were	14 MIDDLESEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE
16 32 in the March 2018 report because that was what you	15
17 had received, that was false testimony, correct?	16
18 A I'm sure that is.	17
19 Q When you told us in Wittman that you had at	18
20 that time in November only looked at the 30 bottles	19
	20
21 plus the two that would go in your March 2018 report,	21
22 that was also false testimony, correct?	22
23 A Again, I don't recall that.	23
Q Okay. Let's look at it. (Handing.)	24
25 THE COURT: What have you handed the witness?	25
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1 MR. DUBIN: I've handed the witness a report	
2 in another case that he has issued entitled "Analysis	
3 of Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder, Valeant Shower to	
4 Shower Talc Products For Amphibole Asbestos," and I	
5 labeled it D-12 12249.	
6 THE COURT: Thank you.	
7 BY MR. DUBIN:	
8 Q Look at excerpts from that report. I'll hand	
9 you up the excerpts D-11249 A.	
So we still have the timing let's back up	
11 again, slide 35. Have you had a chance to look at the	
12 materials that I provided to you?	
13 A Yes.	
MR. DUBIN: And for demonstrative purposes,	
15 D-12249 A.	
16 MS. COOPER: No objection to demonstrative	
17 purposes, your Honor.	
18 THE COURT: Fine.	
19 (Continuation of the day's proceedings in	
20 Volume 2.)	
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